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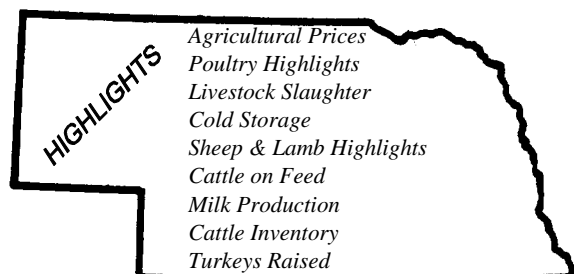
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NEBRASKA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The mid-January 1999 Index of Prices Received by Nebraska farmers, at 129% of its January-December 1977 average, was up 7 points (6%) from December and down 16 points (11%)

from January 1998. The Index of Livestock and Livestock Products was up 12 points (9%) from last month but was 9 points (6%) below last year. The Crop Index was down 1 point (1%) from last month and was 27 points (21%) below a year ago.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1%) from December. Price increases from December for hogs, tomatoes, cattle, and oranges more than offset price decreases for turkeys, milk, lettuce, and broilers. Compared with January 1998 the All Farm Products Index was 5 points (4.9%) lower.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

| COMMODITY | Unit | NEBRASKA | | | UNITED STATES | | | | |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | January 1998 1/ | December 1998 1/ | Jan. 15, 1999 | January 1998 1/ | December 1998 1/ | Jan. 15, 1999 | % of Parity | Parity Price* |
| Wheat | Bu. | \$ 3.13 | \$ 2.72 | \$ 2.76 | \$ 3.32 | \$ 2.87 | \$ 2.86 | 30 | \$ 9.53 |
| Corn | Bu. | 2.47 | 1.92 | 1.90 | 2.56 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 31 | 6.52 |
| Oats | Bu. | 1.81 | 1.31 | 1.25 | 1.60 | 1.17 | 1.14 | 33 | 3.41 |
| Grain Sorghum | Cwt. | 3.95 | 2.96 | 2.90 | 4.02 | 2.98 | 3.01 | 29 | 10.30 |
| Soybeans | Bu. | 6.46 | 5.18 | 5.10 | 6.69 | 5.37 | 5.22 | 38 | 13.80 |
| Hay, All, Baled | Ton | 78.00 | 48.00 | 47.00 | 94.70 | 78.40 | 78.80 | --- | --- |
| Alfalfa, Baled | Ton | 81.00 | 48.00 | 47.00 | 102.00 | 81.40 | 81.40 | --- | --- |
| Other, Baled | Ton | 63.00 | 44.00 | 43.00 | 76.40 | 69.40 | 71.00 | --- | --- |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt. | 20.80 | 18.00 | 17.30 | 21.10 | 20.50 | 19.50 | 39 | 49.60 |
| Hogs | Cwt. | 39.00 | 18.80 | 31.70 | 36.00 | 14.70 | 25.70 | 26 | 100.00 |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 39.10 | 18.90 | 31.90 | 36.50 | 14.80 | 26.10 | --- | --- |
| Sows | Cwt. | 27.70 | 12.80 | 22.00 | 26.40 | 12.10 | 19.00 | --- | --- |
| Beef Cattle | Cwt. | 64.90 | 59.50 | 62.80 | 62.50 | 56.80 | 59.00 | 40 | 149.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | 65.90 | 60.60 | 63.80 | 66.10 | 60.30 | 62.40 | --- | --- |
| Cows | Cwt. | 37.30 | 29.60 | 31.00 | 34.50 | 30.80 | 33.10 | --- | --- |
| Calves | Cwt. | 88.80 | 84.40 | 92.10 | 86.60 | 80.20 | 81.90 | 43 | 190.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt. | 42.00 | 27.50 | 2/ | 42.00 | 30.30 | 2/ | --- | 64.10 |
| Lambs | Cwt. | 73.00 | 61.30 | 2/ | 78.40 | 64.50 | 2/ | --- | 154.00 |
| Milk Cows | Head | 1,150.00 | --- | 1,260.00 | 1,070.00 | --- | 1,250.00 | --- | --- |
| All Milk | Cwt. | 13.90 | 16.60 | 17.20 | 14.70 | 18.00 | 17.70 | 58 | 30.00 |
| Milk, Fluid | Cwt. | 13.90 | 16.60 | --- | 14.70 | 18.00 | 17.80 | --- | --- |
| Milk, Mfg. | Cwt. | 13.60 | 16.00 | --- | 13.50 | 17.40 | 16.10 | --- | --- |

1/ Entire month average except hay and milk cows. 2/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. *Parity price based on data for January 1999.

NEBRASKA PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (1977=100)

| Item | Jan. 1998 | Dec. 1998 | Jan. 15, 1999 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| All Farm Products | 145 | 122 | 129 |
| All Crops | 131 | 105 | 104 |
| Food Grains | 148 | 129 | 130 |
| Feed Grains & Hay | 129 | 98 | 97 |
| Oil Bearing Crops | 96 | 77 | 75 |
| Miscellaneous Crops | 163 | 156 | 156 |
| Livestock & Products | 154 | 133 | 145 |
| Meat Animals | 155 | 131 | 146 |
| Dairy Products | 150 | 180 | 150 |

NEBRASKA PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FEEDER PIGS, 1990-1998 DOLLARS PER CWT.

| Year | Feb. | May | Aug. | Nov. |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1990 | 105.00 | 121.00 | 102.00 | 104.00 |
| 1991 | 121.00 | 110.00 | 87.00 | 81.00 |
| 1992 | 83.00 | 82.00 | 76.00 | 79.00 |
| 1993 | 91.00 | 104.00 | 95.50 | 89.00 |
| 1994 | 99.00 | 95.00 | 77.00 | 58.00 |
| 1995 | 82.00 | 75.00 | 73.50 | 74.00 |
| 1996 | 81.00 | 83.50 | 93.00 | 98.00 |
| 1997 | 120.00 | 122.00 | 113.00 | 92.50 |
| 1998 | 81.00 | 82.50 | 68.50 | 46.00 |

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER

| Item | 1997 | 1998 | '98 % of '97 |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| | Millions | | Percent |
| No. of Layers | | | |
| Nebraska | 10.2 | 10.7 | 105 |
| 30 States | 295.1 | 302.4 | 102 |
| U.S. | 311.9 | 320.0 | 103 |
| Eggs Produced | | | |
| Nebraska | 221 | 235 | 106 |
| 30 States | 6,471 | 6,614 | 102 |
| U.S. | 6,841 | 7,008 | 102 |
| Chickens, U.S. | | | |
| Hatched, December | | | |
| Egg-type | 35.9 | 35.4 | 99 |
| Broiler | 712.0 | 733.8 | 103 |
| Hatched thru December | | | |
| Egg-type | 425.0 | 440.5 | 104 |
| Broiler | 8,322.5 | 8,485.4 | 102 |

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

December 1998 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 1997 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 1998 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

| Item | Total 1/ (1,000) | % Change | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Dec. 1997 | Nov. 1998 |
| <u>NEBRASKA</u> | | | |
| Cattle, head | 592.5 | +3 | +5 |
| Hogs, head | 577.5 | +7 | +11 |
| Sheep & Lambs, head | .4 | +200 | +200 |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. | 560.3 | +5 | +7 |
| <u>UNITED STATES</u> | | | |
| Cattle, head | 2,896.2 | +1 | +4 |
| Calves, head | 130.0 | -10 | +16 |
| Hogs, head | 9,425.6 | +9 | +7 |
| Sheep & Lambs, head | 354.5 | +2 | +19 |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. | 3,944.5 | +6 | +6 |

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 1998, were greater than year earlier levels for pork, butter, concentrated orange juice, chicken and vegetables. Total red meat supplies in freezers were increased 4 percent from November and were 14 percent above December 1997. Frozen pork stocks were 14 percent above last month and were up 46 percent from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies increased 5 percent from last month, but were down slightly from last year. Stocks on December 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

| Commodity | Stocks 1,000 lbs. | Percent Change | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | Dec. 1997 | Nov. 1998 |
| Total red meats | 823,616 | +14% | +4% |
| Beef | 298,031 | -15% | -9% |
| Pork | 504,480 | +46% | +14% |
| Poultry | 1,030,967 | Sm.- % | +5% |
| Turkey | 308,714 | -26% | -2% |
| Chicken | 718,496 | +17% | +8% |

**SHEEP AND LAMBS, JANUARY 1, 1998-1999 AND LAMB CROP, 1997-1998,
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES**

| State | Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs | | Total Market Sheep & Lambs | | All Sheep & Lambs | | Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan. 1 | | Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+, Jan. 1 | | Lamb Crop | |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|------|------------|-------|
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| | 1,000 | | head | | | | 1,000 head | | Percent | | 1,000 head | |
| AZ | 73.0 | 68.0 | 67.0 | 72.0 | 140.0 | 140.0 | 65.0 | 63.0 | 74 | 75 | 48.0 | 47.0 |
| CA | 390.0 | 390.0 | 410.0 | 420.0 | 800.0 | 810.0 | 360.0 | 345.0 | 89 | 90 | 320.0 | 310.0 |
| CO | 240.0 | 220.0 | 335.0 | 220.0 | 575.0 | 440.0 | 210.0 | 200.0 | 107 | 110 | 225.0 | 220.0 |
| IL | 68.0 | 64.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 79.0 | 74.0 | 57.0 | 56.0 | 142 | 130 | 81.0 | 73.0 |
| IA | 172.0 | 170.0 | 93.0 | 90.0 | 265.0 | 260.0 | 153.0 | 138.0 | 150 | 152 | 230.0 | 210.0 |
| KS | 80.0 | 70.0 | 40.0 | 30.0 | 120.0 | 100.0 | 84.0 | 66.0 | 101 | 106 | 85.0 | 70.0 |
| MN | 105.0 | 110.0 | 60.0 | 65.0 | 165.0 | 175.0 | 105.0 | 85.0 | 138 | 182 | 145.0 | 155.0 |
| MT | 385.0 | 345.0 | 30.0 | 35.0 | 415.0 | 380.0 | 330.0 | 315.0 | 115 | 113 | 380.0 | 355.0 |
| NE | 84.0 | 88.0 | 16.0 | 17.0 | 100.0 | 105.0 | 65.0 | 71.0 | 146 | 135 | 95.0 | 96.0 |
| NV | 77.0 | 75.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 88.0 | 85.0 | 58.0 | 56.0 | 97 | 102 | 56.0 | 57.0 |
| ND | 96.0 | 98.0 | 35.0 | 36.0 | 131.0 | 134.0 | 91.0 | 78.0 | 121 | 135 | 110.0 | 105.0 |
| OH | 104.0 | 103.0 | 31.0 | 22.0 | 135.0 | 125.0 | 88.0 | 85.0 | 149 | 145 | 131.0 | 123.0 |
| OR | 185.0 | 150.0 | 100.0 | 65.0 | 285.0 | 215.0 | 180.0 | 150.0 | 108 | 109 | 195.0 | 163.0 |
| SD | 350.0 | 325.0 | 70.0 | 95.0 | 420.0 | 420.0 | 315.0 | 300.0 | 119 | 115 | 375.0 | 345.0 |
| TX | 1,120.0 | 1,050.0 | 410.0 | 300.0 | 1,530.0 | 1,350.0 | 980.0 | 880.0 | 93 | 91 | 910.0 | 800.0 |
| VA | 58.0 | 46.0 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 74.0 | 57.0 | 48.0 | 46.0 | 125 | 113 | 60.0 | 52.0 |
| WY | 530.0 | 500.0 | 180.0 | 160.0 | 710.0 | 660.0 | 450.0 | 430.0 | 102 | 102 | 460.0 | 440.0 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|-----|-----|---------|---------|
| U.S. | 5,611.2 | 5,314.1 | 2,213.9 | 1,923.4 | 7,825.1 | 7,237.5 | | 4,911.6 | 4,569.5 | 109 | 110 | 5,356.3 | 5,013.3 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|-----|-----|---------|---------|

CATTLE ON FEED

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3% FROM YEAR AGO

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5% FROM YEAR AGO

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.11 million cattle on feed on January 1, down 3% from 1998 but 2% above 1997. Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 370,000 head, up 6% from last year and 4% above two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during December totaled 330,000 head, equal to a year earlier but 12% below two years ago. Other disappearance during December totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during both December 1997 and 1996.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.63 million head on January 1. The inventory was 5% below January 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.50 million, 4% below 1997 and 12% below 1996. Net placements were 1.41 million. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 4% above 1997 and 8% above 1996. Other disappearance totaled 85,000 during December, the same as 1997 but 1% below 1996.

CATTLE ON FEED: INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

| STATE | JANUARY 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/ | | | DECEMBER PLACEMENTS | | | DECEMBER MARKETINGS | | | DECEMBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/ | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------|------|--------------|
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1998 1997 | 1997 | 1998 | 1998 1997 | 1997 | 1998 | 1998 1997 |
| | 1,000 head | | % | 1,000 head | | % | 1,000 head | | % | 1,000 head | | % |
| Arizona* | 245 | 206 | 84 | 30 | 22 | 73 | 26 | 28 | 108 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| California * | 400 | 400 | 100 | 55 | 50 | 91 | 50 | 55 | 110 | 15 | 5 | 33 |
| Colorado * | 1,120 | 1,140 | 102 | 165 | 160 | 97 | 195 | 200 | 103 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Idaho | 285 | 285 | 100 | 48 | 55 | 115 | 54 | 50 | 93 | 9 | 5 | 56 |
| Iowa * | 360 | 335 | 93 | 44 | 48 | 109 | 38 | 36 | 95 | 1 | 2 | 200 |
| Kansas * | 2,310 | 2,110 | 91 | 350 | 320 | 91 | 440 | 440 | 100 | 10 | 20 | 200 |
| Nebraska * | 2,170 | 2,110 | 97 | 330 | 330 | 100 | 350 | 370 | 106 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| New Mexico | 123 | 118 | 96 | 14 | 19 | 136 | 10 | 9 | 90 | 1 | 2 | 200 |
| Oklahoma | 430 | 410 | 95 | 60 | 58 | 97 | 57 | 76 | 133 | 3 | 2 | 67 |
| So. Dakota | 180 | 184 | 102 | 40 | 32 | 80 | 26 | 26 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| Texas * | 2,850 | 2,720 | 95 | 330 | 305 | 92 | 400 | 425 | 106 | 20 | 20 | 100 |
| Washington | 192 | 193 | 101 | 26 | 32 | 123 | 42 | 40 | 95 | 2 | 4 | 200 |
| Other Sts | 490 | 420 | 86 | 60 | 65 | 108 | 60 | 58 | 97 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| U.S. | 11,155 | 10,631 | 95 | 1,552 | 1,496 | 96 | 1,748 | 1,813 | 104 | 85 | 85 | 100 |

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Historic 7 states.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED BY CLASS, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY QUARTER, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 1998-99

| State | Steers & Steer Calves | | | Heifers & Heifer Calves | | | Cows & Bulls | | |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Jan. 1, 1998 | Oct. 1, 1998 | Jan. 1, 1999 | Jan. 1, 1998 | Oct. 1, 1998 | Jan. 1, 1999 | Jan. 1, 1998 | Oct. 1, 1998 | Jan. 1, 1999 |
| | 1,000 head | | | | | | | | |
| AZ | 223 | 170 | 187 | 22 | 31 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CA | 360 | 355 | 365 | 39 | 39 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CO | 635 | 600 | 675 | 480 | 395 | 460 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| ID | 190 | 181 | 199 | 94 | 63 | 82 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| IA | 225 | 151 | 205 | 135 | 109 | 129 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| KS | 1,380 | 1,310 | 1,260 | 920 | 775 | 840 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| NE | 1,300 | 1,000 | 1,220 | 850 | 750 | 870 | 20 | 10 | 20 |
| NM | 54 | 46 | 60 | 69 | 44 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OK | 235 | 230 | 255 | 190 | 159 | 155 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| SD | 96 | 81 | 109 | 78 | 52 | 69 | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| TX | 1,680 | 1,500 | 1,520 | 1,169 | 1,169 | 1,199 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| WA | 108 | 111 | 113 | 84 | 74 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 310 | 210 | 270 | 170 | 110 | 145 | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| U.S. | 6,796 | 5,945 | 6,438 | 4,300 | 3,770 | 4,140 | 59 | 32 | 53 |

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

| Item & Quarter | NEBRASKA | | | 20 STATES | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------|------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| | Thousand head | | | | | | | | |
| Milk cows 1/ | | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | 69 | 69 | 71 | 7,804 | 7,758 | 7,751 | 9,338 | 9,251 | 9,203 |
| October-December | 69 | 69 | 72 | 7,776 | 7,740 | 7,745 | 9,300 | 9,206 | 9,194 |
| | Million pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Milk production 2/ | | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | 258 | 260 | 280 | 32,189 | 33,321 | 33,211 | 37,674 | 38,805 | 38,685 |
| October-December | 264 | 261 | 290 | 32,343 | 32,686 | 33,493 | 37,966 | 38,153 | 39,058 |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS JANUARY 1 AND CALF CROP,
NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES**

| Class | NEBRASKA | | | | UNITED STATES | | | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | <u>1999</u> <u>1998</u> | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | <u>1999</u> <u>1998</u> |
| | T h o u s a n d | | h e a d | | T h o u s a n d | | h e a d | |
| | | | | P e r c e n t | | | | P e r c e n t |
| Cattle and calves | 6,650 | 6,750 | 6,650 | 99 | 101,656 | 99,744 | 98,522 | 99 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 2,010 | 2,010 | 2,010 | 100 | 43,776 | 43,084 | 42,615 | 99 |
| Beef cows | 1,941 | 1,940 | 1,938 | 100 | 34,458 | 33,885 | 33,472 | 99 |
| Milk cows | 69 | 70 | 72 | 103 | 9,318 | 9,199 | 9,143 | 99 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | 1,810 | 1,830 | 1,850 | 101 | 20,312 | 19,800 | 19,604 | 99 |
| For beef cow replacement | 285 | 300 | 300 | 100 | 6,042 | 5,764 | 5,550 | 96 |
| For milk cow replacement | 25 | 30 | 30 | 100 | 4,058 | 3,986 | 4,060 | 102 |
| Other heifers | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,520 | 101 | 10,212 | 10,051 | 9,994 | 99 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 2,130 | 2,250 | 2,140 | 95 | 17,392 | 17,189 | 16,836 | 98 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 100 | 100 | 105 | 105 | 2,350 | 2,270 | 2,276 | 100 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 600 | 560 | 545 | 97 | 17,826 | 17,401 | 17,190 | 99 |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | <u>1998</u> <u>1997</u> | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | <u>1998</u> <u>1997</u> |
| Calves born | 1,830 | 1,820 | 1,820 | 100 | 39,823 | 38,961 | 38,582 | 99 |

NOTE: Classes may not add to totals due to rounding.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, 1992-1998

| Year | NEBRASKA | | | | | UNITED STATES | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| | Cattle | Milk* Cows | Beef* Cows | Hogs | Sheep | Cattle | Milk* Cows | Beef* Cows | Hogs | Sheep |
| | N u m b e r | | | | | N u m b e r | | | | |
| 1992 | 29,000 | 2,500 | 23,000 | 12,000 | 2,600 | 1,226,860 | 170,500 | 901,870 | 240,150 | 97,890 |
| 1993 | 29,000 | 2,300 | 23,000 | 11,500 | 2,200 | 1,213,280 | 157,150 | 894,980 | 218,060 | 92,610 |
| 1994 | 29,000 | 2,000 | 23,000 | 11,000 | 1,700 | 1,197,290 | 148,140 | 897,260 | 196,030 | 86,060 |
| 1995 | 28,000 | 1,800 | 23,000 | 10,000 | 1,700 | 1,190,630 | 139,670 | 897,660 | 168,450 | 79,900 |
| 1996 | 28,000 | 1,600 | 23,000 | 8,500 | 1,700 | 1,176,700 | 130,980 | 885,980 | 142,380 | 76,600 |
| 1997 | 28,000 | 1,500 | 23,000 | 6,500 | 1,700 | 1,148,050 | 123,700 | 872,840 | 122,160 | 72,680 |
| 1998 | 29,000 | 1,400 | 23,000 | 6,000 | 1,700 | 1,115,650 | 116,430 | 855,860 | 114,380 | 68,810 |

* Included in number of cattle operations.

TURKEYS RAISED IN THE U.S. IN 1998 DOWN 6 PERCENT

Turkeys raised in the United States during 1998 totaled 284 million, down 6 percent from the 301 million turkeys raised during 1997. North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 50.0 million followed by Minnesota with 44.5 million; Arkansas with 28.0 million; Virginia with 26.0 million; Missouri with 22.0 million; California with 19.0 million; and Indiana with 13.5 million. These States accounted for 72 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1998.

Turkey growers in the 20 major producing States intend to raise 2 percent fewer turkeys than in 1998. Intentions for the top 7 producing States compared with 1998 are as follows: North Carolina and Minnesota both down 4 percent; Arkansas, Virginia and Missouri unchanged; California, up 2 percent; and Indiana unchanged. The number of turkeys actually raised in 1999 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report.